

Conical singularities and the Vainshtein screening in full GLPV theories

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1. Introduction

◆ Horndeski theories

Horndeski theories are the most general second-order scalar-tensor theories on general backgrounds.

• Quintessence and K-essence

$$G_2 = G_2(\phi, X), \quad G_3 = 0, \\ G_4 = M_{\text{pl}}^2/2, \quad G_5 = 0.$$

• f(R) and Brans-Dicke gravity

$$G_2 = G_2(\phi, X), \quad G_3 = 0, \\ G_4 = F(\phi), \quad G_5 = 0.$$

• covariant Galileon

$$G_2 = c_2 X, \quad G_3 = c_3 X, \\ G_4 = M_{\text{pl}}^2/2 + c_4 X^2, \quad G_5 = c_5 X^2.$$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \sum_{i=2}^5 L_i$$

$$L_2 = G_2(\phi, X), \quad L_3 = G_3(\phi, X) \square \phi,$$

$$L_4 = G_4(\phi, X) R - 2G_{4,X}(\phi, X) \times \\ [(\square \phi)^2 - \phi^{;\mu\nu} \phi_{;\mu\nu}],$$

$$L_5 = G_5(\phi, X) G_{\mu\nu} \phi^{;\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4} G_{5,X}(\phi, X) \times \\ [(\square \phi)^3 - 3(\square \phi) \phi^{;\mu\nu} \phi_{;\mu\nu} + 2\phi_{;\mu\nu} \phi^{;\mu\sigma} \phi^{;\nu}_{;\sigma}],$$

$$X \equiv g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi,$$

; : covariant derivative,

$$G_{i,X} \equiv \partial G_i / \partial X.$$

1. Introduction

◆ 3+1 decomposition

Expressing Horndeski Lagrangians in terms of the 3+1 decomposition in unitary gauge ($\phi = \phi(t)$), they are simplified with the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} A_4 &= 2X B_{4,X} - B_4, \\ A_5 &= -X B_{5,X} / 3. \end{aligned}$$

Gleyzes, Langlois, Piazza, Vernizzi extended Horndeski theories in the way that the above relations are not necessarily satisfied.

GLPV theories

Gleyzes *et al.* PRL (2015)

$$\begin{aligned} L &= A_2 + A_3 K \\ &+ A_4 (K^2 - \mathcal{S}) + B_4 \mathcal{R} \\ &+ A_5 K_3 + B_5 (\mathcal{U} - K \mathcal{R} / 2). \end{aligned}$$

$K_{\mu\nu}$: extrinsic curvature

$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu}$: intrinsic curvature

$n_\mu \propto \nabla_\mu \phi$: unit normal vector

$$K \equiv K^\mu_\mu, \quad \mathcal{S} \equiv K^\mu_\nu K^\nu_\mu,$$

$$\mathcal{R} \equiv \mathcal{R}^\mu_\mu, \quad \mathcal{U} \equiv \mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu} K^{\mu\nu},$$

$$K_3 = 3H(2H^2 - 2HK + K^2 - \mathcal{S})$$

Gleyzes, Langlois, Piazza and Vernizzi, JCAP (2013)

1. Introduction

◆ GLPV theories (covariant form)

Rewriting GLPV Lagrangians in the covariant form, the deviation from the Horndeski domain exhibits new derivative self-interaction terms:

$$L_2 = G_2(\phi, X),$$

$$L_3 = G_3(\phi, X)\square\phi,$$

$$L_4 = G_4(\phi, X)R - 2G_{4,X}(\phi, X) [(\square\phi)^2 - \nabla^\mu\nabla^\nu\phi\nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu\phi] \\ + F_4(\phi, X)\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}\epsilon_{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma'}\nabla^{\mu'}\phi\nabla_\mu\phi\nabla^{\nu'}\nabla_\nu\phi\nabla^{\rho'}\nabla_{\rho'}\phi,$$

$$L_5 = G_5(\phi, X)G_{\mu\nu}\nabla^\mu\nabla^\nu\phi \\ + \frac{1}{3}G_{5,X}(\phi, X) [(\square\phi)^3 - 3\square\phi\nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu\phi\nabla^\mu\nabla^\nu\phi + 2\nabla_\mu\nabla_\nu\phi\nabla^\sigma\nabla^\mu\phi\nabla_\sigma\nabla^\nu\phi] \\ + F_5(\phi, X)\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}\epsilon_{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma'}\nabla^{\mu'}\phi\nabla_\mu\phi\nabla^{\nu'}\nabla_\nu\phi\nabla^{\rho'}\nabla_{\rho'}\phi\nabla^{\sigma'}\nabla_{\sigma'}\phi.$$

They are originated from the deviation from Horndeski theories.

$$F_4 = -(A_4 + B_4 - 2XB_{4,X})/X^2, \quad F_5 = -(A_5 + XB_{5,X}/3)/(X|X|^{3/2}).$$

They vanish identically in Horndeski theories.

1. Introduction

- ◆ Previous studies of GLPV theories

- 3 propagating DOF: 1 scalar + 2 tensor

The new derivative interactions never arises higher order time-derivatives and the number of DOF remains the same as Horndeski theories.

Lin *et al.* JCAP(2014); Deffayet *et al.* PRD(2015).

- Partially breaking of the Vainshtein mechanism

The new self-interaction terms can break the screening mechanism inside a source such as a star.

Kobayashi *et al.* PRD(2015); Saito *et al.* JCAP(2015).

- Conical singularities

In the absence of L_5 , the conical singularity arises at the center of a spherically symmetric body with the divergence of the Ricci scalar if the deviation from Horndeski theories is non-zero at the origin. For the model without conical singularities, the screening mechanism works sufficiently.

De Felice, RK and Tsujikawa PRD (2015).

2. Conical singularities in the absence of L_5

◆ Solutions around the origin

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \sum_{i=2}^4 L_i + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} L_m(g_{\mu\nu}, \Psi_m) .$$

$$ds^2 = -e^{2\Psi(r)} dt^2 + e^{2\Phi(r)} dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) ,$$

In order to derive solutions around the origin, we employ the following expansion:

$$\Psi(r) = \Psi_0 + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \Psi_i r^i , \quad \Phi(r) = \Phi_0 + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \Phi_i r^i , \quad \phi(r) = \phi_0 + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \phi_i r^i .$$

that satisfy regularity conditions: $\Psi'(0) = \Phi'(0) = \phi'(0) = 0$.

2. Conical singularities in the absence of L_5

◆ Solutions around the origin

Solving equations of motion recursively, we obtain the following solutions

$$\Psi(r) = \Psi_0 + \frac{2A_2 - 2\rho_m + 3\rho_c e^{-\Psi_0}}{24B_4} r^2 + \dots,$$

$$\Phi(r) = -\frac{\ln(1 + \alpha_H)}{2} + \frac{\rho_m - A_2}{12B_4} r^2 + \dots$$

$$\phi(r) = \phi_0.$$

A_2 : corresponding to
the cosmological constant

$\rho_m, \rho_c : P'_m + \Psi'(\rho_m + P_m) = 0$
 $\rightarrow P_m = -\rho_m + \rho_c e^{-\Psi},$
 ρ_c : an integration constant

$$\alpha_H \equiv (2XB_{4,X} - B_4 - A_4)/A_4$$

This quantity represents the deviation
from Horndeski theories in which $\alpha_H = 0$.

2. Conical singularities in the absence of L_5

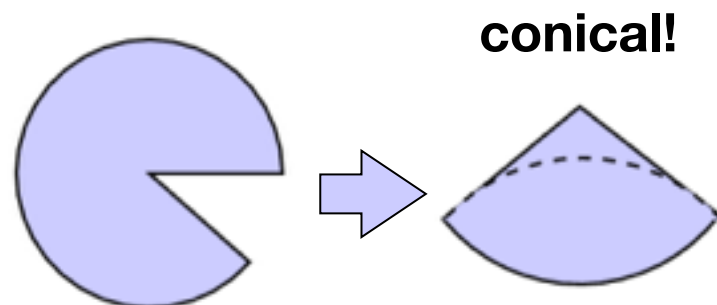
◆ Conical singularity

By using the solutions, the three-dimensional spatial line-element reduces to

$$ds_{(3)}^2 = (1 + \alpha_H)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2),$$

➔ $ds_{(2)}^2 = d\hat{r}^2 + \hat{r}^2 d\hat{\varphi}^2$ $\hat{r} = r/\sqrt{1 + \alpha_H}$, $\hat{\varphi} = \sqrt{1 + \alpha_H} \varphi$
 $\theta = \pi/2$ plane

- For the case $\alpha_H \neq 0$
The angle $\hat{\varphi}$ is not restricted between 0 and 2π .
e.g., $-1 < \alpha_H < 0$



- Divergence of the Ricci scalar

$$R = -\frac{2\alpha_H}{r^2} + \mathcal{O}(r^0)$$

As long as $\alpha_H \neq 0$, the Ricci scalar diverges at the origin!!

2. Conical singularities in the absence of L_5

- ◆ Conditions to avoid conical singularity: $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \alpha_H = 0$

e.g., covariant Galileon (Horndeski domain: $\alpha_H = 0$)

$$A_4 = -M_{\text{pl}}^2/2 + 3c_4 X^2, \quad B_4 = M_{\text{pl}}^2/2 + c_4 X^2.$$

we generalize these functional form as follows

$$A_4 = -M_{\text{pl}}^2 F_1(\phi)/2 + f_1(X), \quad B_4 = M_{\text{pl}}^2 F_2(\phi)/2 + f_2(X).$$

$$\alpha_H = \frac{1}{A_4} \left[\frac{M_{\text{pl}}^2}{2} (F_1 - F_2) - (f_1 + f_2 - 2X f_{2,X}) \right]$$

We have $\phi = \phi_0$ at the origin.
In order to avoid conical singularities

$$F_1 = F_2$$

Regularity condition: $\phi'(0) = 0$.

As long as f_1, f_2 are positive power law functions, these terms vanish.

3. Vainshtein mechanism in the absence of L_5

- ◆ An example of models without conical singularities

$$A_2 = -\frac{1}{2}X, \quad E_3 = 0, \quad A_4 = -\frac{1}{2}M_{\text{pl}}^2 F_1(\phi) + f_1(X), \quad B_4 = \frac{1}{2}M_{\text{pl}}^2 F_2(\phi) + f_2(X),$$

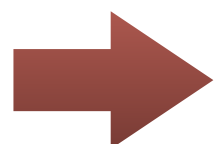
$$\text{with } F_1(\phi) = F_2(\phi) = e^{-2q\phi/M_{\text{pl}}}, \quad f_1(X) = a_4 X^2, \quad f_2(X) = b_4 X^2.$$

(Horndeski condition: $a_4 = 3b_4$)

- ◆ Field profile around the origin

In the following we employ the weak gravity approximation. For a compact body whose density approaches a constant ρ_m around the origin, the field equation reads

$$\phi' = cr \quad \text{with} \quad c + 8(a_4 - b_4)c^3 = \frac{q\rho_m}{3M_{\text{pl}}}.$$


$$\alpha_{\text{H}} = \frac{(a_4 - 3b_4)X^2}{M_{\text{pl}}^2 F_1(\phi)/2 - a_4 X^2} \rightarrow 0$$

No conical singularities!!

3. Vainshtein mechanism in the absence of L_5

◆ Schematic view of the field profile outside a compact body



Nonlinear terms are dominant

$$\phi'(r) = \frac{qM_{\text{pl}}r_g}{r_V^2},$$

$$\Phi \simeq \frac{r_g}{2r} \left[1 - 2q^2 \left(\frac{r}{r_V} \right)^2 + \dots \right],$$

$$\Psi \simeq -\frac{r_g}{2r} \left[1 - 2q^2 \left(\frac{r}{r_V} \right)^2 + \dots \right].$$

In this regime, the screening mechanism works sufficiently.

Linear terms are dominant

$$\phi'(r) = \frac{qM_{\text{pl}}r_g}{r^2}$$

In this regime, the gravitational law is subject to change. Comparing linear terms and non-linear terms in EOM by using the above solution, the latter start to dominate over the former around

$$r_V = (|q|M_{\text{pl}}r_g)^{1/3}/M$$

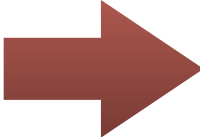
$$M \equiv (24|a_4 - b_4|)^{-1/6}$$

4. Effect of L_5 on the conical singularity

◆ Functional forms

For the purpose of studying the singularity problem around the center of a compact body, we consider the function

$$G_5(\phi, X) = \sum_{n=0} g_{n/2}(\phi) X^{n/2}$$


$$A_5 = -X^{5/2} F_5 - \sum_{n=1} \frac{n}{6} g_{n/2}(\phi) X^{(n+1)/2},$$
$$B_5 = \mathcal{B} + \sum_{n=1} \frac{n}{n+1} g_{n/2}(\phi) X^{(n+1)/2}.$$

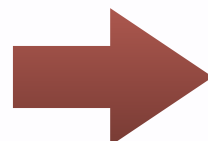
For $F_5 = 0$, in EOMs, all the terms originated from L_5 just vanish at $r = 0$ and it does not affect the conical singularity arising from the deviation of L_4 from Horndeski.

4. Effect of L_5 on the conical singularity

♦ $F_5 \neq 0$

As long as A_5 does not contain negative powers of X^m , the action remains finite.

$$A_5 = -X^{5/2}F_5 - \sum_{n=1} \frac{n}{6} g_{n/2}(\phi) X^{(n+1)/2},$$


$$A_5 = \underline{a_0(\phi) + a_1(\phi)X^{1/2}} - \sum_{n=1} \frac{n}{6} g_{n/2}(\phi) X^{(n+1)/2}.$$

Specific terms arising from the deviation of L_5 from Horndeski theories.

In order to derive solutions around the origin, we employ the following expansion:

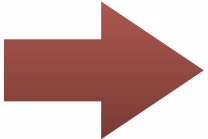
$$\Phi(r) = \Phi_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Phi_i r^i, \quad \Psi(r) = \Psi_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \Psi_i r^i, \quad \phi(r) = \phi_0 + \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \phi_i r^i,$$

4. Effect of L_5 on the conical singularity

◆ Solutions around the origin

$$\Phi(r) = \Phi_0 + \frac{1}{6} \frac{(1 + \alpha_H - e^{-2\Phi_0})e^{3\Phi_0}G_4}{a_0(1 + \alpha_H)} r + \mathcal{O}(r^2),$$

$$\Psi(r) = \Psi_0 - \frac{1}{6} \frac{(1 + \alpha_H - e^{-2\Phi_0})e^{3\Phi_0}G_4}{a_0(1 + \alpha_H)} r + \mathcal{O}(r^2),$$


$$R = \frac{2(1 - e^{-2\Phi_0})}{r^2} + \frac{2(1 - e^{-2\Phi_0} + \alpha_H)e^{3\Phi_0}G_4}{a_0(1 + \alpha_H)r} + \mathcal{O}(r^0).$$

Demanding the usual boundary condition $\Phi_0 = 0$, the first term vanishes.

Using this boundary condition, a condition to avoid the divergence of the second term at the origin reduces to

$$\alpha_H = (2XB_{4,X} - B_4 - A_4)/A_4 = 0$$

at the origin. This condition is the same as the one in the absence of L_5 .

5. Screening mechanism in the presence of L_5

◆ Concrete model without conical singularities

$$G_2 = -\frac{1}{2}X, \quad G_3 = 0, \quad G_4 = \frac{1}{2}M_{\text{pl}}^2 F + \frac{c_4}{M^6} X^2,$$
$$G_5 = \frac{c_5}{M^6} X^2, \quad F_4 = \frac{d_4}{M^6}, \quad F_5 = \frac{d_5}{M^9}. \quad \left(F = e^{-2q\phi/M_{\text{pl}}} \right)$$



$$A_2 = -\frac{1}{2}X, \quad A_3 = M_{\text{pl}}^2 F_{,\phi} \sqrt{X},$$
$$A_4 = -\frac{1}{2}M_{\text{pl}}^2 F + \frac{3c_4 - d_4}{M^6} X^2, \quad B_4 = \frac{1}{2}M_{\text{pl}}^2 F + \frac{c_4}{M^6} X^2,$$
$$A_5 = -\frac{2c_5 + 3d_5}{3M^9} X^{5/2}, \quad B_5 = \frac{4c_5}{5M^9} X^{5/2}.$$

5. Screening mechanism in the presence of L_5

◆ Field equation

Under the weak gravity approximation, the field equation reduces to

$$\frac{1}{r^2} (r^2 \phi')' \simeq \mu_1 \rho_m + \mu_2 ,$$

with

$$\mu_1 = - \frac{1}{2\beta r} \frac{(qM_{\text{pl}}F - \beta\phi')r^2 + (8c_5 + 15d_5)\phi'^4/M^9}{M_{\text{pl}}^2F - 2(3c_4 - d_4)\phi'^4/M^6} ,$$
$$\mu_2 = - \frac{24(2c_4 - d_4)}{\beta} \frac{\phi'^3}{M^6 r^2} , \quad \beta = -\frac{r}{2} \left[1 + \frac{24(2c_4 - d_4)\phi'^2}{M^6 r^2} \right] .$$

The qualitative behavior of the field depends on the value of $s_5 \equiv 8c_5 + 15d_5$. For $s_5 = 0$ the terms originated from L_5 disappear and the field profile reduces to the same as that in the absence of L_5 .

5. Screening mechanism in the presence of L_5

◆ Solutions inside a compact body

For concreteness, we consider the density distribution $\rho_m(r) = \rho_c e^{-r^2/r_t^2}$ and use the following dimensionless quantities in the following:

$$x = \frac{r}{r_s}, \quad y = \frac{M_{\text{pl}} \phi'^3(r)}{M^6 \rho_c r_s^3}, \quad z = \frac{\phi}{M_{\text{pl}}}, \quad \lambda_1 = \left(\frac{\rho_c r_s^2}{M_{\text{pl}}^2} \right)^{1/3}, \quad \lambda_2 = \left(\frac{M^3 r_s^2}{M_{\text{pl}}} \right)^{1/3}, \quad \xi_t = \frac{r_t}{r_s}.$$

Inside a compact body, the field equation reduces to

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \simeq \frac{1}{8\lambda_2 s_4 F} \left(qF \lambda_2 x^2 + \lambda_1^4 s_5 y^{4/3} \right) e^{-x^2/\xi_t^2},$$

around the origin, the first term gives the dominant contribution and we obtain

$$y(x) = \frac{q}{24s_4} x^3.$$

However, for larger x , the second term originated from L_5 starts to manifest itself, and the solution changes depending on the sign of s_5 .

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1) $s_5 > 0$

$$y(x) \simeq \left[\left(\frac{24s_4}{qx_2^3} \right)^{1/3} - \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \lambda_1^4 s_5}{48 \lambda_2 s_4 F} \xi_t \text{erf} \left(\frac{x}{\xi_t} \right) \right]^{-3} \quad \left(x_2 \equiv \sqrt{\frac{F \lambda_2}{|s_5| \lambda_1^4} \frac{(24|s_4|)^{2/3}}{|q|^{1/6}}} \right)$$

where $\text{erf}(x) = (2/\sqrt{\pi}) \int_0^x e^{-s^2} ds$ increase toward 1 for larger x. If the condition

$$s_5 < s_5^{\text{max}} \equiv \frac{192}{\pi} \left(\frac{3s_4^4}{q} \right)^{1/3} \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1^4} \frac{F}{\xi_t^2} \quad \text{For the Sun: } s_5 < \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$$

is satisfied, the field dose not diverge inside a compact body and the field profile become similar to the one in the absence of L_5 outside a compact body.

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2) $s_5 < 0$

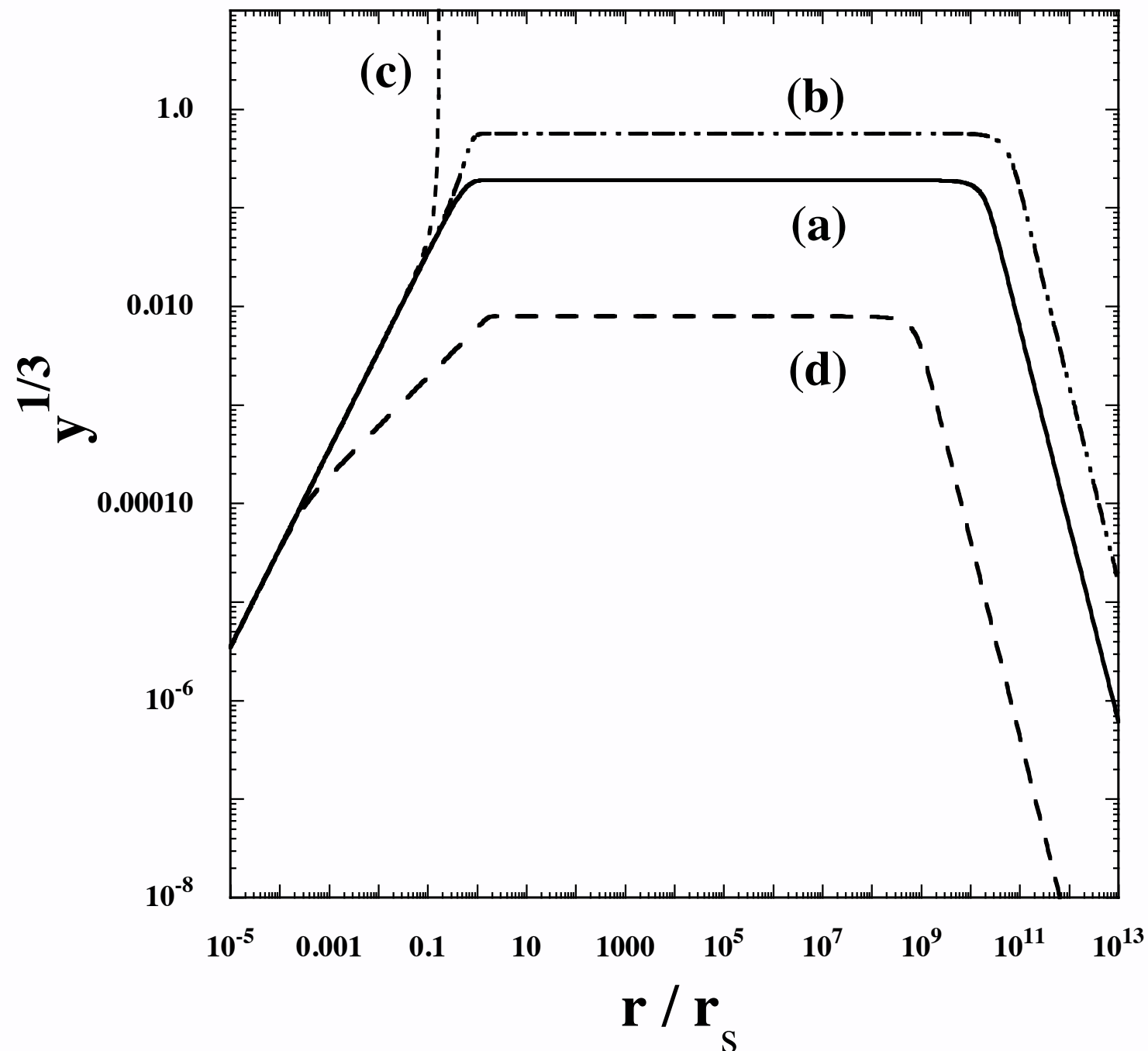
$$y(x) = \left(\frac{qF\lambda_2}{\lambda_1^4 |s_5|} \right)^{3/4} x^{3/2}.$$

In this case, the field does not possess the divergent behavior.

The qualitative behavior of the field outside a compact body is similar to the one in the absence of L_5 .

5. Screening mechanism in the presence of L_5

◆ Numerical results



(a) $s_5 = 0$

(b) $0 < s_5 < s_5^{\max}$

(c) $s_5^{\max} < s_5$

(d) $s_5 < 0$

6. Conclusions

- ◆ In full GLPV theories, we showed that the GLPV Lagrangian L_5 does not modify the divergent behavior of the Ricci scalar induced by α_H , i.e., the deviation of L_4 from Horndeski theories is essential for the divergent behavior.
- ◆ We derived spherically symmetric solutions around the origin in full GLPV theories, and showed that, as long as $\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \alpha_H = 0$ is satisfied, the Ricci curvature can remain finite at the origin even in the presence of L_5 beyond the Horndeski domain.
- ◆ For the concrete model without conical singularities, we derived the field profile and gravitational potentials inside/outside a compact body under the weak gravity approximation.
- ◆ We find that there is one specific model of GLPV theories in which the effect of L_5 vanishes in the equations of motion. We also show that, depending on the sign of a L_5 -dependent term in the field equation, the model can be compatible with solar-system constraints under the Vainshtein mechanism or it is plagued by the problem of a divergence of the field derivative in high-density regions.